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Title: Absorbent article with improved combination of skin feel, and fluid handling

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TITLE OF INVENTION  
Absorbent Article With Improved Combination Of Skin Feel, and Fluid Handling

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3. ☐ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(f).
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6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
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8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
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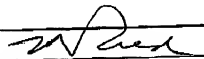
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11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
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